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## **HCPA and Allied Trades Request Delay on Implementation of New York 1,4-Dioxane Law**

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Washington D.C. – The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA), in conjunction with allied trade associations, submitted a letter to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Basil Seggos, requesting a delay on the effective dates of S4389B, which restricts the manufacture, sale and distribution of household cleaning products containing 1,4-dioxane. HCPA has requested a delay of one-year following the resolution of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

S4389B was passed in December 2019, before the U.S. was hit by the global coronavirus pandemic. At that time, the effective date was thought to give household cleaning product manufacturers enough time to reformulate and meet the requirements of the law. However, HCPA member companies are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, working around-the-clock to produce the cleaning and disinfecting products that can help stop the spread of coronavirus. As a result, these companies have not had the time, resources or available staff to begin the reformulation process, and are at risk of not being able to sell these critical products in the State of New York.

“HCPA member companies and their workers, deemed essential by the Department of Homeland Security, are some of the many heroes fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and are working tirelessly to protect Americans from this dangerous virus. While our members pride themselves on bringing safe, effective and compliant products to the marketplace, the effective dates of S4389B are simply unobtainable due to this national emergency,” said Steve Caldeira, President & CEO, HCPA. “We respectfully ask Commissioner Seggos to delay the effective dates of the law in order to provide our members with the necessary time to reformulate their products.”

“HCPA has always been committed to working collaboratively with state and federal governments to arrive at responsible, science-based solutions,” said Caldeira. “We understand the important role NYSDEC plays in protecting the health and safety of New Yorkers, and we are hopeful that the Department will exercise their best judgement and delay implementation of S4389B, allowing HCPA member companies to remain focused on their COVID-19 responses.”

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### **About HCPA**

The Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) is the premier trade association representing companies that manufacture and sell \$180 billion annually of familiar and trusted products used for cleaning, protecting, maintaining, and disinfecting homes and commercial environments. HCPA member companies employ 200,000 people in the U.S. whose work helps consumers and workers to create cleaner, healthier and more productive lives.